Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—(a)

Name of the courts	Year	Original suits	Appeals	Remarks
(1) Anjikaimal District Court ...	1102	225	287	
	1103	244	327	
(2) Trichur District Court ...	1102	147	97	
	1103	186	305	

(b)

Name of the court	Year	No. of appeals filed	Remarks
District Court of Anjikaimal ...	1102	45	
	1103	87	

Supply of timber to contractors.

23. Mr.C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state for the last 3 years (1) the hill depot measurements of the quantity of (a) Teak and (b) Ebony supplied to each of the contractors or purchasers separately; (2) the reduction allowed to each of them and the quantity for which price was realised from each?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—A statement showing the particulars required is placed on the Council Table.

Action against Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon, late Excise Inspector.

24. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) at what time and when was fresh license given to the new purchaser on the resale of the B class tobacco shop No. 546 of 1101—1102 at Ollur;

(2) did the new shopman purchase tobacco from any of the A class shops in Trichur or at Kanjani; if so, at what hour;

(3) how far is Kanjani from Trichur and Ollur;

(4) when did the Salt Inspector Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon seize tobacco from the Ollur shopman; did the Inspector then proceed to Kanjani;

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(5) (a) who were all present in the Kanjani A shop when the Inspector arrived ; (b) who accompanied the Inspector to Kanjani ;

(6) was the counterfoil of the pass alleged to have been issued at Kanjani found not filled up ;

(7) is Krishnan Nayar, the A class shopman of Kanjani, a relation of Parameswaran Nayar, a B class shopman of Trichur ;

(8) (a) did Krishnan Nayar apply for sanction to take criminal proceedings against the Inspector;

(b) if so, what was the report of the Superintendent to the Diwan about this matter ;

(c) did Krishnan Nayar put in any complaint ; if so, when and what was it ;

(9) (a) was any criminal complaint lodged by the Inspector about this matter in the Magistrate's Court, Trichur;

(b) did the Inspector apply for the services of a Senior Inspector for the conduct of the case and for his examination ;

(c) if so, was the request granted ;

(d) had the Inspector to engage a vakil of his own accord ;

(e) was any aminadar without uniform watching the case in court ;

(10) (a) was any departmental inquiry conducted by the Superintendent ;

(b) if so, when and

(c) from whom were statements taken ;

(11) when did the proceedings in the Magistrate's Court terminate ; does the Magistrate refer to the conduct of the Inspector in the matter of the investigation; if so, what are his observations ;

(12) did the Superintendent report to the Diwan about the conduct of the Inspector ; if so, when and what are the reports ;

(13) what are the proceedings of the Diwan in the matter;

(14) what was the pay of the Inspector and what is his pay after reversion ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(1) The date on which fresh license was given is 16th Kanni 1101. The records do not show the time at which it was given.

(2) No answer can be given as the question is not definite, the date not being given.

(3) About 11 miles.

(4) On the morning of 17th Kanni 1101. In regard to

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the latter part of the question, the Government have no information.

(5) (a) Parameswaran Nayar, Vadakkan Poranchu and Komath Narayanan Nayar.

(b) Antony, the agent of the licensee of the Trichur town A class shops, Mr. T. V. Kochuvaried, the driver of the said licensee's car and Antony, peon No. 129, an orderly of the then Trichur Inspector.

(6) The then Trichur Excise Inspector reported that it was not filled up.

(7) Yes.

(8) (a) Yes.

(b) The report is confidential and cannot be published.

(c) Krishnan Nayar put in a petition on 10th Thulam 1101 requesting sanction to proceed against the Inspector. Another petition dated 5th Dhanu 1102 was also received.

(9) (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Inspector was told that Mr. T. P. Venkitarama Ayyar, a Senior Inspector, would be deputed to conduct the case so far as the examination of the former was concerned.

(d) It appears the Inspector engaged a private vakil.

(e) In a report of the Trichur Magistrate dated 10th Meenam 1102 he stated that the then Trichur aminadar was seen present in court without his uniform on the days on which the case came up for hearing. The Government have no information whether he was there to watch the case.

(10) (a) Yes.

(b) On 24th Kanni 1101, 8th Thulam 1101 and 9th Thulam 1101.

(c) Statements were recorded from—

(1) Kelappan, Blacksmith, Kanjani.

(2) P. V. Parasurama Ayyar, the then Enammavu aminadar.

(3) Brahmakulam Devassikutti, Manalur village.

(4) Kunnathully Rama Panikkar, Kanjani.

(5) The then Trichur Excise Inspector, Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon.

(11) The proceedings terminated on 19th Karkadagam 1101. With regard to the other portions of the question a copy of the Magistrate's judgment is placed on the Council Table.

(12) Yes to the 1st part.

The reports cannot be published being confidential papers.

(13) A copy of the proceedings is placed on the Council Table.

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(14) The pay of Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon was Rs. 59 and his pay after reversion is Rs. 30.

Tenders for felling and collecting Timber.

25. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether tenders have been called for felling and collecting for the year 1104 teak and rose-wood from D1, D3, D4, D11, D6 and D10 or any of those of the O. W.C of the Cochin Forests ;

(2) when and where the notification calling for the said tenders was published ;

(3) whether the said notification was published in the Gazette; if so, on what date ;

(4) what was the last date for the receiving of tenders ;

(5) whether the notification had specified the quantity of timber or the number of trees to be felled and collected from each coupe;

(6) whether Mr. Paul Luiz of Ernakulam had requested for information regarding the quantity of timber or the number of trees to be felled and collected from each coupe ; if so, whether he was supplied with the information asked for ;

(7) what was the reply sent to Mr. Paul Luiz for the request referred to in (6) supra ;

(8) whether the notification has specified the date and hour at which tenders were to be opened ;

(9) whether the trees referred to in the notification have all been marked before the notification ; if so, by whom ;

(10) whether the Government would place on the Table the list showing the markings of each coupe ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) and (3). In the Cochin Government Gazette dated 17th Mithunam 1103. In the Conservator's Office notice-board on 9th Mithunam 1103. Copies of the tender notice were also sent to some contractors on 8th Mithunam 1103.

(4) 20th Mithunam 1103.

(5) No. It had stated all the marked teak and rose-wood trees.

(6) and (7). He requested to be informed of the number of trees marked and detailed and specific information as to the working of each coupe He was informed that it was not possible to give him the exact number of trees marked but that all the trees that would be marked and listed would have to be felled and that it was not known what further specification was required.

(8) The wordings of the notification were as follows :—

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